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(54) 2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethylaminomethyl]chromane as CNS active agent

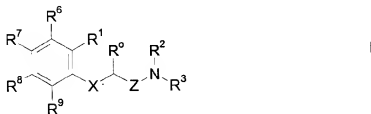
(57) 2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methylami-
nomethyl]-chromane and its physiologically acceptable
salts thereof and (S)-(+)-2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-

methylaminomethyl]-chromane and its physiologically
acceptable salts thereof are active on the central nerv-
ous system.

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Description

[0001] The invention relates to novel amino(thio)ether derivatives of formula I



wherein

x is oxygen, sulphur, sulfinyl, sulfonyl or, in the case where R⁶ and R¹ are not together an alkylene chain with 1-3 atoms, also CH₂,

Z is -(CH₂)_{n1}-(CH₂)_{n2}-(CH₂)_{n3} with
n₁ = 0, 1, 2 or 3;

n₂ = 0 or 1;

n₃ = 0, 1, 2 or 3 and the proviso that

n₁ + n₂ + n₃ < 4,

R⁰ is hydrogen or A,

R¹ is hydrogen, A, OA, phenoxy, Ph, OH, F, Cl, Br, CN, CF₃, COOH, COOA, acyloxy with 1-4 C atoms, carboxamido, -CH₂NH₂, -CH₂NHA, -CH₂NA₂, -CH₂NHAc, -CH₂NHSO₂CH₃, or are together an alkylene chain with 1-3 C atoms or an alkenylene chain with 2-3 C atoms,

R² is hydrogen, A, Ac or -CH₂-R⁴,

R³ is -CH₂-R⁴, or -CHA-R⁴

R⁴ is Ph, 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted by R⁵, or thiophene which is unsubstituted, mono- or disubstituted by A, OA, OH, F, Cl, Br, CN and/or CF₃, or by another thienyl group,

R⁵ is a phenyl group which is unsubstituted, or mono-, di-, tri-, tetra- or pentasubstituted by F, CF₃, partially or completely fluorinated A, A and/or OA,

R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ are independently of each other H, A, OA, phenoxy, OH, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, CF₃, NO₂, NH₂, NHA, NA₂, Ac, Ph, cycloalkyl with 3-7 C atoms, -CH₂NH₂, -CH₂NHA, -CH₂NA₂, -CH₂NHAc or -CH₂NHSO₂CH₃ or two adjacent residues are together an alkylene chain with 3 or 4 C atoms, and/or

R¹ and R⁶ are together an alkylene chain with 3 or 4 C atoms,

A is alkyl with 1-6 C atoms,

Ac is alkanoyl having 1-10 C atoms or aroyl having 7-11 C atoms,

Ph is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by R⁵, 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl or phenoxy,

and the physiologically acceptable salts thereof.

[0002] The object of the invention was to find novel compounds capable of being used for the preparation of drugs.

[0003] It has been found that the compounds of formula I and their biocompatible acid addition salts possess valuable pharmacological properties. Thus, in particular, they are active on the central nervous system, especially as serotonin agonists and antagonists. They inhibit the binding of tritiated serotonin ligands to hippocampal receptors (Cossery et al., European J. Pharmacol. 140 (1987), 143-155). They also modify the accumulation of DOPA in the corpus striatum and the accumulation of 5-HTP in the nuclei raphe (Seyfried et al., European J. Pharmacol. 160 (1989), 31-41). They also have analgesic and hypotensive effects; thus, in catheterized, conscious, spontaneously hypertensive rats (strain: SHR/Okamoto/NIH-MO-CHB-Kisslegg; method: q.v. Weeks and Jones, Proc. Soc. Exptl. Biol. Med. 104 (1960), 646-648), the directly measured blood pressure is lowered after oral administration of the compounds. They are also useful for prophylaxis and control of the sequelae of cerebral infarction (Apoplexia cerebri) such as stroke and cerebral ischaemia.

[0004] These substances can be used in the treatment of diseases which are related to interferences in the serotonergic and dopaminergic systems and which involve the receptors with high affinity to the 5-hydroxytryptamin (5HTA

type) or/and dopamin (D2 type) receptors.

[0005] They are suitable for the treatment of disorders of the central nervous system such as anxiety, tension and depression states, sexual dysfunctions caused by the central nervous system, disturbances in sleep or absorption of food. Furthermore, they are suitable to eliminate cognitive deficiencies, to improve powers of learning and memory and to treat Alzheimer's disease. They are also suitable for psychosis (schizophrenia).

[0006] Compounds of formula I and their biocompatible acid addition salts can therefore be used as active ingredients for anxiolytics, antidepressants, neuroleptics, and/or antihypertensives, and also as intermediates for the preparation of other pharmaceutical active ingredients.

[0007] The invention relates to the amino(thio)ether derivatives of formula I and to their biocompatible acid addition salts.

[0008] The radical A is alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms, especially 1 or 2 C atoms, preferably methyl and also ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl or tert-butyl. OA is preferably methoxy and also ethoxy, n-propoxy, isopropoxy, n-butoxy, isobutoxy, sec-butoxy or tert-butoxy. NHA is preferably methylamino and also ethylamino, n-propylamino, isopropylamino, n-butylamino, isobutylamino, sec-butylamino or tert-butylamino. NA_2 is preferably dimethylamino and also N-ethyl-N-methylamino, diethylamino, di-n-propylamino, diisopropylamino or di-n-butylamino.

[0009] Ac is preferably alkonyl having 1-6, in particular 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms, in detail preferably formyl or acetyl, furthermore, preferably propionyl, butyryl, isobutyryl, pentanoyl or hexanoyl, and in addition preferably benzoyl, or-, m- or p-tolyl-, 1- or 2-naphthoyl.

[0010] X is preferably oxygen or sulphur, whereas Z stands chiefly for $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_3-$, $-(\text{CHCH}_3)-$, furthermore also preferably for $-\text{CH}_2-(\text{CHCH}_3)-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-(\text{CHCH}_3)-$, $-\text{CH}_2-(\text{CHCH}_3)-\text{CH}_2-$ or $-(\text{CHCH}_3)-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$.

[0011] The residue R^0 is preferably H or methyl, but mostly R^0 and R^1 are together an alkylene chain, preferably consisting of 2 C atoms. If R^1 is different from the meaning given previously it is preferably hydrogen, A, OA, CONH_2 or CN.

[0012] R^2 is preferably H or A and R^3 is preferably 2-, 3- or 4-pyridylmethyl or phenyl which is substituted by another phenyl or furthermore, R^3 is thienyl which is preferably substituted by another thienyl group.

[0013] The meaning of R^3 is chiefly 2-, 3-, 4-pyridylmethyl, 5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl, 5-(fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl, 5-(methoxyphenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl, 4'-fluoro-3-biphenylmethyl, 3-biphenylmethyl or 4-(thienyl)-2-thienylmethyl. Furthermore, the meaning of R^3 is preferably 2-, 4-, 5- or 6-(m-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl, 3-, 4-, 5- or 6-(m-fluorophenyl)-2-pyridylmethyl or 2- or 3-(m-fluorophenyl)-4-pyridylmethyl whereby m stands for the prefixes mono-, di-, tri-, tetra- or penta-.

[0014] R^6 , R^7 , R^8 and R^9 are preferably independently of each other H, A, OA, Cl, CN or CF_3 . Furthermore, R^1 and R^6 are preferably together an alkylene chain with 4 C atoms. Furthermore, another preferred meaning is that two adjacent residues selected from R^6 , R^7 , R^8 and R^9 are together an alkylene chain with 3 or 4 C atoms.

[0015] Accordingly, the invention relates particularly to those compounds of formula I in which at least one of said radicals has one of the meanings indicated above, especially one of the preferred meanings indicated above. Some preferred groups of compounds can be expressed by the following partial formulae Ia to II, which correspond to formula I and in which the radicals and parameters not described in greater detail are as defined for formula I, but in which:

in Ia, X is oxygen, R^6 and R^1 are together $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$, Z is methylene and R^6 , R^7 , R^8 and R^9 are hydrogen;

in Ib, X is oxygen, R^6 and R^1 are together $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$, Z is methylene and R^4 is pyridyl or biphenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted;

in Ic, X is oxygen, R^6 and R^1 are together $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$, Z is methylene and R^4 is 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl;

in Id, X is oxygen, R^6 and R^1 are together methylene and R^4 is 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl;

in Ie, X is oxygen, R^6 is hydrogen, Z is methylene and R^4 is 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl;

in If, X is oxygen, R^6 and R^1 are hydrogen, Z is methylene and R^4 is 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl;

in Ig, X is oxygen, R^6 is hydrogen, R^1 is chlorine, ethyl or methoxy, Z is methylene and R^4 is 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl;

in Ih, X is oxygen, Z is methylene and R^4 is 5-phenyl-3-pyridyl;

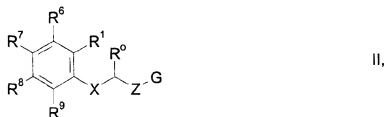
in II, X is oxygen, Z is $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_3-$ or $-(\text{CHCH}_3)-$ and R^4 is 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl,

and the salts thereof.

[0016] Especially preferred compounds are those of partial formulae Ik and Iak to Ili, which correspond to partial formulae I and Ia to Ii, but in which additionally:

X is sulphur, sulfinyl or sulfonyl.

[0017] The invention further relates to a process for the preparation of derivatives of formula I and their salts, characterized in that a compound of formula II



wherein

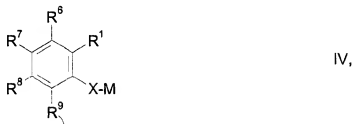
G is Cl, Br, I, OH or an OH group functionally modified to form a reactive group, especially a suitable leaving group, and R⁰, R¹, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, X and Z are as defined,

is reacted with an amine of formula III



wherein

R² and R³ are as defined, or in that a compound of the formula IV

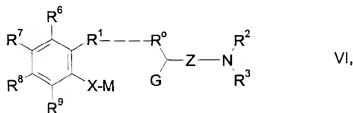


wherein,

M is H, Li⁺, Na⁺, K⁺, NH₄⁺ or another suitable metal ion, and X, R¹, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ are as defined, is reacted with a compound of formula V



wherein
 G¹ has the definitions given for G and R⁰, R², R³ and Z are as defined,
 or in that a compound of formula VI



wherein
 R⁰ and R¹ are together an alkylene chain with 1-3 C atoms, and R², R³, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, X, Z, M and G are as already defined,

is cyclised to an aminoether or aminothioether derivative of formula I, or in that a compound which has formula I except that one or more hydrogen atoms have been replaced by one or more reducible groups and/or one or more additional C-C and/or C-N bonds is treated with a reducing agent, or in that a compound which has formula I except that one or more hydrogen atoms have been replaced by one or more solvolizable groups is treated with a solvolizing agent, and/or in that an OA group is optionally cleaved to form an OH group, and/or an Ar group is converted into another Ar group, and/or in that a resulting base or acid of formula I is converted into one of its salts by treatment with an acid or base.

[0018] The compounds of formula I are otherwise prepared by methods known per se, such as those described in the literature (e.g. in the standard works such as Houben-Weyl, Methoden der Organischen Chemie (Methods of Organic Chemistry), Georg-Thieme-Verlag, Stuttgart; Organic Reactions, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York), namely under reaction conditions such as those which are known and suitable for said reactions. It is also possible to make use of variants known per se, which are not mentioned in greater detail here.

[0019] If desired, the starting materials for the claimed process can also be formed in situ in such a way that they are not isolated from the reaction mixture but are immediately reacted further to give the compounds of formula I.

[0020] In the derivatives of formula II, G is preferably Cl or Br, but it can also be I, OH or an OH group functionally modified to form a reactive group, especially alkylsulphonyloxy having 1-6 C atoms (e.g. methanesulphonyloxy) or arylsulphonyloxy having 6-10 C atoms (e.g. benzenesulphonyloxy, p-toluenesulphonyloxy, naphthalene-1- or -2-sulphonyloxy).

[0021] Some of the compounds of formulae II and, in particular, III are known; the unknown compounds of formulae II and III can easily be prepared analogously to the known compounds.

[0022] Primary alcohols of the formula II can be obtained e.g. by reducing the appropriate carboxylic acids or their esters. Treatment with thionyl chloride, hydrogen bromide, phosphorus tribromide or similar halogen compounds yields the corresponding halides of the compounds of the formula II. The corresponding sulphonyloxy compounds can be obtained from the alcohols of formula II by reaction with the appropriate sulphonyl chlorides.

[0023] The iodine compounds of the formula 7 can be obtained e.g. by reacting potassium iodide with the appropriate p-toluenesulphonic acid esters.

[0024] Most of the amine derivatives III are known and can be obtained e.g. by alkylation or acylation of known amines.

[0025] The reaction of the compounds II and III proceeds according to methods such as those known from the literature for the alkylation of amines. The components can be melted together in the absence of a solvent, in a sealed tube or an autoclave if necessary. It is also possible, however, to react the compounds in the presence of an inert solvent. Examples of suitable solvents are hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene or xylene; ketones such as acetone or butanone; alcohols such as methanol, ethanol, isopropanol or n-butanol; ethers such as tetrahydrofuran (THF) or dioxane; amides such as dimethylformamide (DMF) or N-methylpyrrolidone; or nitriles such as acetonitrile, or else, if desired, mixtures of these solvents with one another or mixtures with water. It can be favourable to add an acid-binding agent, for example an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal hydroxide, carbonate or bicarbonate or another alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salt of a weak acid, preferably a potassium, sodium or calcium salt, or to add an organic base such as triethylamine, dimethylaniline, pyridine or quinoline, or an excess of the amine component. The reaction time is between a few minutes and 14 days, depending on the conditions used, and the reaction temperature is between about 0 and 150°, normally between 20 and 130°.

[0026] It is also possible to obtain a compound of formula I by reacting a compound of formula IV with a compound of formula G'(CHR⁶)-Z-NR²R³ (V).

[0027] Some of the compounds of formulae V and, in particular, IV are known; the unknown compounds can easily be prepared analogously to the known compounds. Thus, compounds of formula IV can easily be prepared by metalation of a phenol or thiophenol with for example hydrides such as NaH, KH, or with phenyllithium or methylolithium. It is also possible to obtain compounds of type IV by the oxidation of thiophenols to yield sulfinyl or sulfonyl-compounds.

[0028] The amines of formula V can be prepared starting from a primary amine by means of the diverse possibilities of alkylation or acylation of amines known per se. It is also possible to convert appropriately substituted nitro compounds into the amines of formula V by reduction and subsequent alkylation.

[0029] The reaction of compounds IV and V proceeds according to methods which are known from the literature for the formation of ethers, thioethers or esters. The components can be melted with one another directly, without the presence of a solvent, if appropriate in a closed tube or in an autoclave, at normal pressure or at elevated pressure, an inert gas such as e.g. N₂ being added to increase the pressure. However, it is also possible to react the compounds in the presence of an inert solvent. Suitable solvents are those mentioned previously for the reaction of II with III. The addition of an acid-binding agent to the reaction mixture can also have a favourable effect. The same bases are suitable as those previously described for the reaction of compounds II and III.

[0030] Depending on the reaction conditions chosen, the optimum reaction time is between a few minutes and 14 days, and the reaction temperature is between about 0° and 150°, usually between 20° and 130°.

[0031] Furthermore, a compound of formula I can be obtained by cyclisation of a compound of formula VI wherein R⁶ and R¹ are together an alkylene chain with 1 to 3 C atoms.

[0032] Compounds of the formula VI can be obtained for example by the reduction of ketones which are similar to compound VI but wherein the CHG-group is replaced by a carbonyl group.

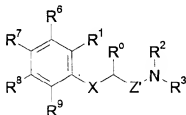
[0033] The cyclisation reaction of a compound of the formula VI proceeds according to the methods described previously for the reaction of the compounds IV and V under equal reaction conditions.

[0034] A compound of formula I can also be obtained by treating a precursor, in which hydrogen atoms have been replaced by one or more reducible groups and/or one or more additional C-C and/or C-N bonds, with a reducing agent, preferably at temperatures of between -80 and +250°, in the presence of at least one inert solvent.

[0035] Reducible groups (groups replaceable by hydrogen) are, in particular, oxygen in a carbonyl group, hydroxyl, arylsulphonyloxy (e.g. p-toluenesulphonyloxy), N-benzenesulphonyl, N-benzyl or O-benzyl.

[0036] In principle, compounds containing only one of the above-mentioned groups or additional bonds, or compounds containing two or more of the above-mentioned groups or additional bonds adjacent to one another, can be converted into a compound of formula I by reduction, it being possible simultaneously to reduce substituents in the Ind group which are present in the starting compound. This is for example carried out using nascent hydrogen or complex metal hydrides or by means of a Wolff-Kishner reduction or the reductions with hydrogen gas under transition metal catalysis.

[0037] Preferred starting materials for the reduction have formula VII



VII

wherein

Z' is a chain which corresponds to the radical Z except that one or more -CH₂ groups have been replaced by -CO- and/or one or more hydrogen atoms have been replaced by Cl, Br, F, SH, or OH groups.

Compounds of formula VII can be obtained by amidation of acids, acid halides, anhydrides or esters with primary or secondary amines. It is preferred to react the free carboxylic acid with the amine under the conditions of a peptide synthesis. This reaction is preferably carried out in the presence of a dehydrating agent, e.g. a carbodiimide such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide or else N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N-ethylcarbodiimide, or propanephosphonic anhydride (q.v. Angew. Chem. 92, 129 (1980)), diphenylphosphoryl azide or 2-ethoxy-N-ethoxycarbonyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline, in an inert solvent e.g. a halogenated hydrocarbon such as methylene chloride, an ether such as THF or dioxane, an

amide such as DMF or dimethylacetamide, or a nitrile such as acetonitrile, at temperatures of between about -10 and 40, preferably of between 0 and 30°.

[0038] If nascent hydrogen is used as the reducing agent, this can be produced e.g. by treating metals with weak acids or with bases. Thus it is possible e.g. to use a mixture of zinc with an alkali metal hydroxide solution or a mixture of iron with acetic acid. It is also appropriate to use sodium or another alkali metal in an alcohol such as ethanol, isopropanol, butanol, amyl or isoamyl alcohol or phenol. It is also possible to use an aluminium-nickel alloy in aqueous-alkaline solution, ethanol being added if necessary. Sodium amalgam or aluminium amalgam in aqueous-alcoholic or aqueous solution is also suitable for producing the nascent hydrogen. The reaction can also be carried out in the heterogeneous phase, in which case it is convenient to use an aqueous phase and a benzene or toluene phase.

[0039] Other reducing agents which can be used to particular advantage are complex metal hydrides such as LiAlH_4 , NaBH_4 , diisobutylaluminium hydride or $\text{NaAl}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3)_2\text{H}_2$, and diborane, catalysts such as BF_3 , AlCl_3 or LiBr being added if desired. Solvents which are suitable for this purpose are, in particular, ethers such as diethyl ether, di-n-butyl ether, THF, dioxane, diglyme or 1,2-dimethoxyethane, and hydrocarbons such as benzene. Solvents which are suitable for a reduction with NaBH_4 are primarily alcohols such as methanol or ethanol, as well as water and aqueous alcohols. Reduction by these methods is preferably carried out at temperatures of between -80 and +150°, especially of between about 0 and about 100°.

[0040] The reduction of -CO groups in acid amides (e.g. those of formula VI in which Z' is a $-(\text{CH}_2)_{n1}(\text{CHA})_{n2}-\text{CO}$ group) to CH_2 groups can be carried out to particular advantage with LiAlH_4 in THF at temperatures of between about 0 and 66°.

[0041] It is also possible to reduce one or more carbonyl groups to CH_2 groups according to the Wolff-Kishner method, e.g. by treatment with anhydrous hydrazine in absolute ethanol, under pressure, at temperatures of between about 150 and 250°. A sodium alcoholate is advantageously used as the catalyst. The reduction can also be varied according to the Huang-Minlon method by carrying out the reaction with hydrazine hydrate in a high-boiling water-miscible solvent such as diethylene glycol or triethylene glycol, in the presence of an alkali such as sodium hydroxide. The reaction mixture is normally boiled for about 3-4 hours. The water is then distilled off and the hydrazone formed is decomposed at temperatures of up to about 200°. The Wolff-Kishner reduction can also be carried out with hydrazine in dimethyl sulphoxide at room temperature.

[0042] Moreover, it is possible to carry out certain reductions by using H_2 gas under the catalytic action of transition metals, such as e.g. Raney Ni or Pd. In this way, e.g. Cl, Br, I, SH or, in certain cases, even OH groups can be replaced by hydrogen. Nitro groups can also be converted into NH_2 groups by catalytic hydrogenation with Pd/H_2 in methanol.

[0043] Compounds which have formula I except that one or more H atoms have been replaced by one or more solvolyzable groups can be solvolyzed, especially hydrolyzed, to give the compounds of formula I.

[0044] The starting materials for the solvolysis can be obtained for example by reacting III with compounds which have formula II except that one or more H atoms have been replaced by one or more solvolyzable groups. Thus, in particular, 1-acylamine derivatives (which have formula I except that, in the 1-position of the radical, they contain an acyl group, preferably an alkanoyl, alkylsulphonyl or arylsulphonyl group having up to 10 C atoms in each case, such as methanesulphonyl, benzenesulphonyl or p-toluene-sulphonyl) can be hydrolyzed to give the corresponding secondary amine derivatives e.g. in an acidic or, preferably, neutral or alkaline medium at temperatures of between 0 and 200°. Sodium, potassium or calcium hydroxide, sodium or potassium carbonate, or ammonia, is conveniently used as the base. The chosen solvents are preferably water; lower alcohols such as methanol or ethanol; ethers such as THF or dioxane; sulphones such as tetramethylene sulphone; or mixtures thereof, especially mixtures containing water. Hydrolysis can also be carried out simply by treatment with water alone, especially at the boiling point.

[0045] A compound of formula I can furthermore be converted to another compound of formula I by methods known per se.

[0046] Compounds of formula I in which for example R^2 is hydrogen can be converted to compounds with tertiary amino groups by alkylation or acylation of the secondary amino residue in an inert solvent, e.g. a halogenated hydrocarbon such as methylene chloride, an ether such as THF or dioxane, an amide such as DMF or dimethylacetamide, or a nitrile such as acetonitrile, at temperatures of between about -10 and the boiling point of the solvent, preferably of between 0 and 70°. Furthermore, other primary amino groups can be transformed to secondary or tertiary amino groups by the known alkylation reactions.

[0047] Compounds of formula I can also be converted into other derivatives of formula I by transformations at the radical Ar.

[0048] Ethers of formula I in which the radical Ph is mono- or disubstituted by 0-alkyl can be cleaved, the corresponding hydroxy derivatives being formed. It is possible, e.g. to cleave the ethers by treatment with dimethyl sulphideboron tribromide complex, for example in toluene, ethers such as THF or dimethyl sulphoxide, or by melting with pyridine or aniline hydrohalides, preferably pyridine hydrochloride, at about 150-250°.

[0049] If other side reactions in the compounds of formula I are to be excluded, the radicals Ph can be chlorinated, brominated or alkylated under the conditions of the Friedel-Crafts-reactions, by reacting the appropriate halogen or

alkyl chloride or alkyl bromide under the catalysis of Lewis acids, such as e.g. $AlCl_3$, $FeBr_3$ or Fe , at temperatures between 30° and 150° , expediently between 50° and 150° in an inert solvent, such as e.g. hydrocarbons, THF or carbon tetrachloride, with the compound of the formula I to be derivatised. Moreover, it is for example possible to reduce a nitro group to an amino group by the reactions known per se.

[0050] The compounds of formula I can possess one or more centres of asymmetry. When prepared, they can therefore be obtained as racemates or else in the optically active form if optically active starting materials are used. When synthesized, compounds possessing two or more centres of asymmetry are generally obtained as mixtures of racemates, from which the individual racemates can be isolated in the pure form, for example by recrystallization from inert solvents. If desired, the racemates obtained can be chemically or by crystallization of conglomerates resolved into their optical antipodes by the methods known per se. Preferably, diastereoisomers are formed from the racemate by reaction with an optically active resolving agent. Examples of suitable resolving agents are optically active acids such as the D and L forms of protected amino acid derivatives such as tosylproline, tartaric acid, dibenzoyltartaric acid, diacetyltartaric acid, camphor-sulphonic acids, mandelic acid, malic acid or lactic acid. The different forms of the diastereoisomers can be resolved in a manner known per se, e.g. by fractional crystallization, and the optically active compounds of formula I can be liberated from the diastereoisomers in a manner known per se.

[0051] A base of formula I can be converted with an acid into the corresponding acid addition salt. Acids which produce biocompatible salts are suitable for this reaction. Thus it is possible to use inorganic acids, e.g. sulphuric acid, hydrohalic acids such as hydrochloric acid or hydrobromic acid, phosphoric acids such as orthophosphoric acid, nitric acid and sulphamic acid, as well as organic acids, i.e. specifically aliphatic, alicyclic, araliphatic, aromatic or heterocyclic monobasic or polybasic carboxylic, sulphonic or sulphuric acids, such as formic acid, acetic acid, propionic acid, pivalic acid, diethylacetic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, pimelic acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid, lactic acid, tartaric acid, malic acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid, 2-phenylpropionic acid, citric acid, gluconic acid, ascorbic acid, nicotinic acid, isonicotinic acid, methanesulphonic or ethanesulphonic acid, ethanedithiosulphonic acid, 2-hydroxy-naphthalenesulphonic acid, benzenesulphonic acid, p-toluenesulphonic acid, naphthalenesulphonic acid and naphthalenedisulphonic acids and laurylsulphuric acid.

[0052] If desired, the free bases of formula I can be liberated from their salts by treatment with strong bases such as sodium or potassium hydroxide or sodium or potassium carbonate provided there are no other acid groups in the molecule. In those cases where the compounds of the formula I have free acid groups, salt formation can also be achieved by treatment with bases. Suitable bases are alkali metal hydroxides, alkaline earth metal hydroxides or organic bases in the form of primary, secondary or tertiary amines.

[0053] The invention further relates to the use of the compounds of formula I and their biocompatible salts for the manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations, especially by a non-chemical route. For this purpose, they can be converted into a suitable dosage form together with at least one excipient or adjunct and, if appropriate, in combination with one or more additional active ingredients.

[0054] The invention further relates to compositions, especially pharmaceutical preparations, containing at least one compound of formula I and/or one of their biocompatible salts. These preparations can be used as drugs in human or veterinary medicine. Possible excipients are organic or inorganic substances which are suitable for enteral (e.g. oral), parenteral or topical administration and which do not react with the novel compounds, examples of such excipients being water, vegetable oils, benzyl alcohols, polyethylene glycols, gelatin, carbohydrates such as lactose or starch, magnesium stearate, talc and petroleum jelly. Tablets, coated tablets, capsules, syrups, juices, drops or suppositories are used in particular for enteral administration, solutions, preferably oily or aqueous solutions, as well as suspensions, emulsions or implants are used for parenteral administration, and ointments, creams or powders are used for topical administration. The novel compounds can also be lyophilized and the resulting lyophilizates used e.g. to manufacture injectable preparations.

[0055] The preparations indicated can be sterilized and/or can contain adjuncts such as lubricants, preservatives, stabilizers and/or wetting agents, emulsifiers, salts for influencing the osmotic pressure, buffer substances, colourants, taste correctors and/or flavourings. If desired, they can also contain one or more additional active ingredients, e.g. one or more vitamins.

[0056] The compounds of formula I and their biocompatible salts can be used for the therapeutic treatment of the human or animal body and for controlling diseases. They can be used for treating disorders of the central nervous system, such as tension, depressions and/or psychoses, and side-effects in the treatment of hypertension (e.g. with α -methyl dopa). The compounds can also be used in endocrinology and gynaecology, e.g. for the therapeutic treatment of acromegaly, hypogonadism, secondary amenorrhoea, premenstrual syndrome and undesired puerperal lactation, and also for the prophylaxis and therapy of cerebral disorders (e.g. migraine), especially in geriatrics in a manner similar to certain ergot alkaloids and for controlling the sequelae of cerebral infarction (Apoplexia cerebri), such as stroke and cerebral ischaemia.

[0057] Furthermore, they are suitable to eliminate cognitive deficiencies, to improve the power of learning and memory and to treat Alzheimer disease.

[0058] In these treatments, the substances of formula I of the invention are normally administered analogously to known, commercially available preparations (e.g. bromocriptine, dihydroergocomin), preferably in dosages of between about 0.2 and 500 mg, especially of between 0.2 and 50 mg per dosage unit. The daily dosage is preferably between about 0.001 and 10 mg/kg of body weight. The low dosages (about 0.2 to 1 mg per dosage unit; about 0.001 to 0.005 mg/kg of body weight) are particularly suitable for use as anti-migraine preparations; dosages of between 10 and 50 mg per dosage unit are preferred for the other indications. However, the particular dose for each individual patient depends on a very wide variety of factors, for example the activity of the particular compound used, age, body weight, general state of health, sex, diet, time and method of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination and severity of the particular disease to which the therapy is applied. Oral administration is preferred.

[0059] In the following Examples, "working-up in conventional manner" means: Water is added if necessary, extraction is carried out with methylene chloride, the organic phase is separated off, dried over sodium sulphate and filtered, the filtrate is evaporated and the residue is purified by chromatography on silica gel and/or by crystallization. Temperatures are given in °C.

Example 1

[0060] A solution of 2.8 g 2-aminomethyl-chromane [obtainable by reacting 3-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-propanal with KCN and subsequent catalytic reduction of the 2-cyano-chromane] and 2.2 g 3-(chloromethyl)-pyridine in 250 ml of DMF are stirred together with 1 g N-methyl-morpholine for 12 hours at 20° and worked up in a conventional manner to give N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine. Stirring with 0.5 equivalents of maleic acid in 100 ml ethanol gives the maleate, m.p. 163-164°.

[0061] The following are obtained analogously:

from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 177-178°;

from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-phenyl-pyridine
N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 184°;

from 2-aminoethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-biphenyl N-3-biphenylethyl-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 162°;

from 2-aminomethyl-6-phenyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-(6-phenyl-2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 222-224°;

from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 182-183°;

from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-biphenyl
N-3-biphenylmethyl-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 174-175°;

from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-4'-fluorobiphenyl
N-(4'-fluoro-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 183-184°

from 2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(8-methoxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 160-165°;

from 2-aminomethyl-7-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(7-methoxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 170.5-172°;

from 2-aminomethyl-6-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(6-methoxy-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-5-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(5-methoxy-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 181-183°;

from 2-aminomethyl-8-nitro-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(8-nitro-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1-benzoxepine and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[2-(2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1-benzoxepinyl)-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p.
194-195°;

5 from 2-aminoethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-(2-chromanylmethyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 160°;

from 3-amino-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1-benzoxepine and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
10 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-3-(2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1-benzoxepinyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 179-180°;

from 2-aminomethyl-8-hydroxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(8-hydroxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 173°;

from 2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-4'-fluorobiphenyl
15 N-(4'-fluoro-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-[(8-methoxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 176°;

from 2-aminomethyl-6-fluorochromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(6-fluoro-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 169-170°;

20 from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(2-pyridyl)-chloromethyl-benzene
N-[3-(2-pyridyl)-phenylmethyl]-N-2-chromanyl-methyl-amine, maleate, m.p. 201°;

from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(3-pyridyl)-chloromethyl-benzene
N-[3-(3-pyridyl)-phenylmethyl]-N-2-chromanyl-methyl-amine, dimaleate, m.p. 120°;

25 from 2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(3-pyridyl)-chloromethyl-benzene
N-[3-(3-pyridyl)-phenylmethyl]-N-[(8-methoxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 85°;

from 2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(2-pyridyl)-chloromethyl-benzene
30 N-[3-(2-pyridyl)-phenylmethyl]-N-[(8-methoxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 167°.

[0062] The following are obtained analogously (instead of maleic acid the compounds were treated with 0,1 n HCl solution to give the hydrochlorides):

35 from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-4'-methyl-biphenyl N-(4'-methyl-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-2-chromanyl-methyl-amine, hydrochloride, m.p. 206-207°;

from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-4'-methoxy-biphenyl N-(4'-methoxy-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-2-chromanyl-methyl-amine, hydrochloride, m.p. 191-192°;

40 from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-4'-trifluoromethyl-biphenyl
N-(4'-trifluoromethyl-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-2-chromanyl-methyl-amine, hydrochloride, m.p. 181-182°;

45 from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-3'-trifluoromethyl-biphenyl
N-(3'-trifluoromethyl-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-2-chromanyl-methyl-amine, hydrochloride, m.p. 161-162°;

from 2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-4'-trifluoromethyl-biphenyl
N-(4'-trifluoromethyl-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-[(8-methoxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, hydrochloride, m.p.
206-207°;

50 from 2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-3'-trifluoromethyl-biphenyl
N-(3'-trifluoromethyl-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-[(8-methoxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, hydrochloride, m.p. 206°;

55 from 2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-4'-methylbiphenyl
N-(4'-methyl-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-[(8-methoxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, hydrochloride, m.p. 188-189°;

from 2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-4'-methoxy-biphenyl
N-(4'-methoxy-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-[(8-methoxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, hydrochloride, m.p. 186-187°;

from 2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-biphenyl
 N-(3-biphenylylmethyl)-N-[(8-methoxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine, hydrochloride, m.p. 211-212°.

5 from 2-aminomethyl-6-nitro-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(6-nitro-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-7-nitro-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(7-nitro-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

10 from 2-aminomethyl-8-chloro-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(8-chloro-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-6-chloro-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(6-chloro-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, m.p. 78-80°;

15 from 2-aminomethyl-7-chloro-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(7-chloro-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-8-cyano-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(8-cyano-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

20 from 2-aminomethyl-6-cyano-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(6-cyano-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-5-cyano-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(5-cyano-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

25 from 2-aminomethyl-5-fluoro-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(5-fluoro-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

30 from 2-aminomethyl-6-fluoro-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(6-fluoro-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-(2-chromane-methyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 175-177°;

35 from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-phenoxy-benzylchloride
 N-(3-phenoxy-benzyl)-N-(2-chromane-methyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 150-152°;

40 from 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 2-(chloromethyl)-4-phenyl-pyridine
 N-(4-phenyl-2-pyridylmethyl)-N-(2-chromane-methyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 156-158°;

from 2-aminomethyl-6-bromo-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[2-(6-bromo-chroman)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

45 from 2-aminomethyl-benzofurane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-(2-benzofurane-methyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 147°;

from 2-aminomethyl-7-fluoro-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(7-fluoro-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

50 from 2-aminomethyl-8-fluoro-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(8-fluoro-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

55 from 2-aminomethyl-6-trifluoromethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine
 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(6-trifluoromethyl-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-8-trifluoromethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine

N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(8-trifluoromethyl-chroman-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate.

Example 2

[0063] By reaction of 2-aminomethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran with 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine analogously to Example 1, N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)-methyl]-amine is obtained, maleate, m.p. 178-180°.

[0064] The following are obtained analogously:

from 2-aminomethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(2,3-dihydro-benzofuran-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(2,3-dihydro-benzo-furan-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(2,3-dihydro-benzo-furan-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(2,3-dihydro-benzo-furan-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate;

from 2-aminomethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorophenyl)-pyridine
N-[5-(2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(2,3-dihydro-benzo-furan-2-yl)-methyl]-amine, maleate.

Example 3

[0065] A mixture of 2,2 g 3-methyl-phenol, preferably the sodium salt thereof, and 5,6 g N-(2-chloroethyl)-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine ("A") [obtainable by reaction from phthalimid potassium salt and 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-chloromethyl-pyridine, cleavage of the product with hydrazine and subsequent reaction with 1,2-dichloroethane] in 50 ml acetonitrile is stirred for 5 hours at 50° and worked up in the conventional manner.

[0066] N-[2-(3-methylphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine is obtained. Stirring with 0,5 equivalents of maleic acid in 100 ml ethanol gives the maleate, m.p. 152-154°.

[0067] The following are obtained analogously:

from 2,4-dichlorophenol sodium salt and "A"
N-[2-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 148-150°;

from 3-methoxyphenol sodium salt and "A"
N-[2-(3-methoxyphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 122-124°;

from 4-methoxyphenol sodium salt and "A"
N-[2-(4-methoxyphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methyl]-amine, m.p. 94-96°;

from 3-chlorophenol sodium salt and "A"
N-[2-(3-chlorophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 150-152°;

from 2-chlorophenol sodium salt and "A"
N-[2-(2-chlorophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 153-155°;

from 2-methoxyphenol sodium salt and "A"
N-[2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 134-136°;

from 4-chlorophenol sodium salt and "A"
N-[2-(4-chlorophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 163-164°;

from 2-ethylphenol sodium salt and "A"
N-[2-(2-ethylphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 128-130°;

from 3-cyanophenol sodium salt and "A"

N-[2-(3-cyanophenol)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, oxalate, m.p. 245°;

from 4-cyanophenol sodium salt and "A"

N-[2-(4-cyanophenol)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, oxalate, m.p. 250°;

from phenol sodium salt and N-[3-phenoxy-benzyl]-amine N-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-N-(3-phenoxy-benzyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 166-168°;

from phenol sodium salt and "A"

N-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, m.p. 84-86°.

Example 4

[0068] By reaction of 2-aminomethyl-6-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine analogously to Example 1 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[(6-methoxy-2-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine is obtained. Stirring with hydrochloric acid gives the dihydrochloride, m.p. 205-206°.

Example 5

[0069] By reaction of 2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine analogously to Example 1 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine is obtained. Stirring with hydrochloric acid gives the dihydrochloride-hemihydrate, m.p. 210-213°.

Example 6

[0070] A solution of 1,8 g 3-aminomethyl-biphenyl [obtainable by reducing 3-cyano-biphenyl] and 1,6 g 2-chloroethyl-phenylether [obtainable by reaction of sodium-phenolate with dichloroethane] in 200 ml of acetonitrile is stirred for 8 hours at room temperature and worked up in a conventional manner to give N-(3-biphenylmethyl)-N-2-phenoxyethyl-amine. Stirring with 0,5 equivalents of maleic acid in 100 ml ethanol gives the maleate, m.p. 178-180°.

[0071] The following are obtained analogously:

from 3-aminomethyl-4'-fluoro-biphenyl and 2-chloroethyl-phenylether
N-(4'-fluoro-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-2-phenoxyethyl-amine, maleate, m.p. 194-196°;

from 3-aminomethyl-2',4'-difluoro-biphenyl and 2-chloroethyl-phenylether
N-(2',4'-difluoro-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-2-phenoxyethyl-amine;

from 3-aminomethyl-5-phenylpyridine and 2-chloroethyl-phenylether
N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-N-2-phenoxyethyl-amine, m.p. 77-79°;

from 2-aminomethyl-4-(3-thienyl)-thiophen and 2-chloroethyl-phenylether
N-[4-(3-thienyl)-2-thienylmethyl]-N-2-phenoxyethyl-amine, m.p. 96-98°;

from 2-aminomethyl-4-methyl-thiophen and 2-chloroethyl-phenylether
N-(4-methyl-2-thienylmethyl)-N-2-phenoxyethyl-amine;

from 2-aminomethyl-4-methoxy-thiophen and 2-chloroethyl-phenylether
N-(4-methoxy-2-thienylmethyl)-N-2-phenoxyethyl-amine;

from 2-aminomethyl-4-ethyl-thiophen and 2-chloroethyl-phenylether
N-(4-ethyl-2-thienylmethyl)-N-2-phenoxyethyl-amine;

from 2-aminomethyl-4-chloro-thiophen and 2-chloroethyl-phenylether
N-(4-chloro-2-thienylmethyl)-N-2-phenoxyethyl-amine;

from 3-aminomethyl-4'-fluoro-biphenyl and 2-chloroethyl-(3-cyano-phenyl)-ether
N-(4'-fluoro-3-biphenylmethyl)-N-2-(3-cyano-phenoxy-ethyl)-amine, maleate, m.p. 158-160°;

from 3-aminomethyl-biphenyl and 2-chloroethyl-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-ether
N-(3-biphenylmethyl)-N-2-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl-amine, m.p. 72-74°;

from 3-aminomethyl-biphenyl and 2-chloroethyl-2-biphenyl-ether
N-(3-biphenylmethyl)-N-2-(2-biphenyloxy)-ethylamine, maleate, m.p. 146-148°;

from 3-aminomethyl-5-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-pyridine and 2-chloroethyl-(2-biphenyl)-ether
N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)]-N-2-(2-biphenyloxy)-ethylamine, m.p. 134-136°;

from 3-aminomethyl-biphenyl and 2-chloroethyl-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-ether
N-(3-biphenylmethyl)-N-2-(2-hydroxyphenoxy)-ethylamine, m.p. 88-90°;

Example 7

[0072] A solution of 1,2 g 2-hydroxy-benzonitril and 2,5 g N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine [obtainable by reaction of 2-hydroxyethylamine with 3-chloromethyl-5-phenyl-pyridine and subsequent transformation of the product to the 2-chloroethyl-compound by reaction with PCl_5] in 200 ml of acetonitrile is stirred for 5 hours at room temperature and worked up in a conventional manner to give N-[2-(2-cyanophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine. Stirring with 0,5 equivalents of oxalic acid in 100 ml ethanol gives the oxalate, m.p. 208°.

[0073] The following are obtained analogously:

from 2-chloro-phenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(2-chlorophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 2-methyl-phenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(2-methylphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 4-chloro-phenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(4-chlorophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 4-cyano-phenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(4-cyanophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 3-ethyl-phenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(3-ethylphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 4-trifluoromethyl-phenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 2-bromo-phenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(2-bromophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 2-aminomethyl-phenyl and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(2-aminomethylphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 4-methoxy-phenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(4-methoxyphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 3-aminomethyl-phenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(3-aminomethylphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 4-aminomethyl-phenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(4-aminomethylphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine.

Example 8

[0074] A mixture of 3,1 g N-[2-(2-cyanophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine, 3 g NaOH, 50 ml of water and 40 ml of diethylene glycol monoethyl ether is stirred for 3 hours at a bath temperature of 140°. It is cooled

and worked up after a conventional manner, and N-[2-(2-carboxamidophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine is obtained. Stirring with 0,5 equivalents of oxalic acid in 100 ml ethanol gives the oxalate, m.p. 230°.

Example 9

[0075] Analogously to Example 8 N-[2-(4-carboxamidophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine is obtained by partial hydrolysis of N-[2-(4-cyanophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine.

Example 10

[0076] Starting from N-[2-(4-cyanophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine analogously to Example 8, boiling for 16 hours and then working up in a conventional manner gives N-[2-(4-carboxyphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine.

Example 11

[0077] Starting from N-[2-(2-cyanophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine analogously to Example 8, boiling for 16 hours and then working up in a conventional manner gives N-[2-(2-carboxyphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine.

Example 12

[0078] Analogously to Example 7 a solution of 2,3 g sodium phenolate and 2,5 g N-3-chloropropyl-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine [obtainable by reaction of 3-hydroxypropylamine with 3-chloromethyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine and subsequent transformation of the product to the 3-chloropropyl-compound by reaction with PCl_5] in 200 ml of acetonitrile is stirred for 5 hours at room temperature and worked up in a conventional manner to give N-(3-phenoxy-propyl)-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine. Stirring with 0,5 equivalents of oxalic acid in 100 ml ethanol/water mixture gives the oxalate-hemihydrate, m.p. 217°.

[0079] The following are obtained analogously:

from sodium phenolate and N-4-chlorobutyl-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]amine
N-(4-phenoxy-butyl)-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 143°;

from sodium phenolate and N-2-chloroisopropyl-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine
N-(2-phenoxy-isopropyl)-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 123-125°;

from sodium thiophenolate and N-2-chloroethyl-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine
N-(2-thiophenoxy-ethyl)-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, oxalate, m.p. 230°;

from sodium thiophenolate and N-4-chlorobutyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-(4-thiophenoxy-butyl)-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from sodium thiophenolate and N-3-chloropropyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-(3-thiophenoxy-propyl)-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from sodium thiophenolate and N-2-chloroisopropyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-(2-thiophenoxy-isopropyl)-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)amine.

Example 13

[0080] According to Example 7 the following are obtained analogously:

from 2-chloro-thiophenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(2-chlorothiophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 2-methyl-thiophenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(2-methylchlorothiophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 4-chloro-thiophenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(4-chlorothiophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 4-cyano-thiophenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(4-cyanothiophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 3-ethyl-thiophenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(3-ethylthiophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 4-trifluoromethyl-thiophenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(4-trifluoromethylthiophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 2-bromo-thiophenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(2-bromothiophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 2-aminomethyl-thiophenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(2-aminomethylthiophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 4-methoxy-thiophenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(4-methoxythiophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 3-aminomethyl-thiophenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(3-aminomethylthiophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine;

from 4-aminomethyl-thiophenol and N-2-chloroethyl-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-[2-(4-aminomethylthiophenoxy)-ethyl]-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine.

Example 14

[0081] A solution of 2,8 g N-[2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine [obtainable according to Example 3] and one equivalent 3-chloromethyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine in 125 ml of acetonitrile are stirred for 6 hours at 40° and worked up in a conventional manner to give N-[2-(2-methoxyphenoxy)-ethyl]-N,N-bis-(5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine, m.p. 90-92°.

[0082] The following are obtained analogously by reaction with 3-chloromethyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine:

and N-(4-phenoxy-butyl)-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-(4-phenoxy-butyl)-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine;

and N-(2-phenoxy-isopropyl)-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-(2-phenoxy-isopropyl)-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine;

and N-(2-thiophenoxy-ethyl)-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-(2-thiophenoxy-ethyl)-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine;

and N-(4-thiophenoxy-butyl)-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-amine
N-(4-thiophenoxy-butyl)-N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine;

Example 15

[0083] Analogously to Example 7 a solution of 2,3 g sodium 1-naphtholate and 2,9 g N-2-chloroethyl-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine [obtainable by reaction of 2-hydroxyethylamine with 3-chloromethyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine and subsequent transformation of the product to the 2-chloroethyl-compound by reaction with PCl_3] in 200 ml of acetonitrile is stirred for 5 hours at room temperature and worked up in a conventional manner to give N-[2-(1-naphthoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, m.p. 92-94°.

[0084] The following are obtained analogously by reaction of 2-naphtholate

with N-2-chloroethyl-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine:
N-[2-(2-naphthoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine, m.p. 128-130°;

with N-2-chloroethyl-N-[5-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine:
 N-[2-(2-naphthoxy)-ethyl]-N-[5-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine.

Example 16

[0085] A solution of 2.1 g N-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-N-[5-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine [obtainable according to Example 3] in 100 ml THF is treated with 2 ml methyl iodide under stirring over a period of 3 hours. Working up in a conventional manner gives N-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-methyl-amine, oxalate, m.p. 159-161°;

[0086] The following are obtained analogously by alkylation of the secondary amines:

N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-N-methylamine, m.p. 71°;

N-3-biphenylmethyl-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-N-methyl-amine.

Example 17

[0087] By reaction of N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-amine with 1-chloro-3-phenylpropane analogously to Example 1 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-(3-phenylpropyl)-amine is obtained, m.p. < 50°.

Example 18

[0088] Analogously to Example 3 one obtains by reaction of

phenol sodium salt with N-(2-chloroethyl)-N-3-(2-pyridyl)-chloromethylbenzene
 N-[3-(2-pyridyl)-phenylmethyl]-N-[2-(phenoxy)-ethyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 170°;

phenol sodium salt with N-(2-chloroethyl)-N-3-(3-pyridyl)-chloromethylbenzene
 N-[3-(3-pyridyl)-phenylmethyl]-N-[2-(phenoxy)-ethyl]-amine, maleate, m.p. 123-125°.

[0089] Preparation of enantiomeric compounds:

Example 19

[0090] A solution of 4.5 g 2-aminomethyl-chromane [obtainable by reacting 3-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-propanal with KCN and subsequent catalytic reduction of the 2-cyano-chromane] and 3.9 g tosylproline in 190 ml ethanol are refluxed for 15 minutes. Afterwards the solution is cooled down to 5° while it is stirred. During the cooling procedure a few crystals of pure (R)-2-aminomethyl-chromane were added. The solution was kept under stirring at 5° for a period of 18 hours and afterwards the pure enantiomer (R)-2-aminomethyl-chromane was separated. The crystallisation process was repeated two times with the crystals derived from the first crystallisation in order to yield an enantiomeric excess of more than 99 %.

[0091] Subsequently the (R)-2-aminomethyl-chromane was reacted with 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-pyridine analogously to Example 1 to give (R)-(-)-2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methylaminomethyl]-chromane [= (R)-(-)-1 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine]. Stirring with 0.1 n hydrochloric acid solution yields the dihydrochloride, m.p. 234-235°; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -65^\circ$ (c = 1, methanol).

[0092] Analogously by reaction of (S)-2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-pyridine (S)-(+)-2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methylaminomethyl]-chromane [= (S)-(+)-1 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine] is obtained. Stirring with 0.1 n hydrochloric acid solution yields the dihydrochloride, m.p. 227-228°, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +62^\circ$ (c = 1, methanol).

[0093] Analogously by reaction of (S)-2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-pyridine:

(S)-(+)-2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methylaminomethyl]-8-methoxychromane [= (S)-(+)-1 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[2-(8-methoxy-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine] is obtained. Stirring with 0.1 n hydrochloric acid solution yields the dihydrochloride, m.p. 214-215°.

[0094] Analogously by reaction of (R)-2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-pyridine:

(R)-(-)-2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methylaminomethyl]-8-methoxychromane [= (R)-(-)-1 N-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridylmethyl]-N-[2-(8-methoxy-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine] is obtained. Stirring with 0.1 n hydrochloric acid solution

yields the dihydrochloride, m.p. 214°.

Example 20

[0095] A solution of 5 g (R)-2-aminomethyl-chromane [obtainable by reaction of 2-carboxy-chromane and (+)-phenylethylamine, separation of the mainly crystallising diastereomer purification by recrystallisation from ethanol, transformation into the ethyl chromanate, additional purification via HPLC chiral phases (Chiracel OJ™), transformation into the amide, reduction with LiAlH_4 or Vitride™ in THF to give the (R)-2-aminomethyl-chromane] was reacted with 3-(chloromethyl)-5-phenyl-pyridine analogously to Example 1 to give (R)-(-)-2-[5-phenyl-3-pyridyl-methylaminomethyl]-chromane [= (R)-(-)-1 N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine]. Stirring with 0,1 n hydrochloric acid solution yields the dihydrochloride, m.p. 243-244°.

[0096] Analogously by reaction of (S)-2-aminomethyl-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-5-phenyl-pyridine (S)-(+)-2-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethylaminomethyl)-chromane [= (S)-(+)-1 N-(5-phenyl-3-pyridylmethyl)-N-(2-chromanyl-methyl)-amine] is obtained. Stirring with 0,1 n hydrochloric acid solution yields the dihydrochloride, m.p. 244-245°.

[0097] Analogously by reaction of (S)-2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-4'-fluoro-biphenyl: (S)-(+)-2-[4'-fluor-3-biphenylmethylaminomethyl]-8-methoxy-chromane [= (S)-(+)-1 N-[4'-fluoro-3-biphenylmethyl]-N-[2-(8-methoxy-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine] is obtained. Stirring with 0,1 n hydrochloric acid solution yields the dihydrochloride, m.p. 189-190°; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +74^\circ$ (c = 1, methanol).

[0098] Analogously by reaction of (R)-2-aminomethyl-8-methoxy-chromane and 3-(chloromethyl)-4'-fluoro-biphenyl: (R)-(-)-2-[4'-fluor-3-biphenylmethylaminomethyl]-8-methoxy-chromane [= (R)-(-)-1 N-[4'-fluoro-3-biphenylmethyl]-N-[2-(8-methoxy-chromanyl)-methyl]-amine] is obtained. Stirring with 0,1 n hydrochloric acid solution yields the dihydrochloride, m.p. 189-190°; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -74,3^\circ$ (c = 1, methanol).

[0099] The examples below relate to pharmaceutical preparations.

Example A: Injection vials

[0100] A solution of 100 g of an active compound of the formula I and 5 g of disodium hydrogenphosphate in 31 of doubly distilled water is adjusted to pH 6.5 with 2 N hydrochloric acid, sterile filtered, filled into injection vials and lyophilized under sterile conditions, and the vials are closed in a sterile manner. Each injection vial contains 5 mg of active compound.

Example B: Suppositories

[0101] A mixture of 20 g of active compound of the formula I is fused with 100 g of soya lecithin and 1400 g of cocoa butter, and the mixture is poured into moulds and allowed to cool. Each suppository contains 20 mg of active compound.

Example C: Solution

[0102] A solution of 1 g of active compound of the formula 1, 9.38 g of $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 28.48 g of $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and 0.1 g of benzalkonium chloride is prepared in 940 ml of doubly distilled water. The solution is adjusted to pH 6.8, made up to 1 l and sterilized by irradiation. This solution can be used in the form of eye drops.

Example D: Ointment

[0103] 500 mg of active compound of the formula I are mixed with 99.5 g of petroleum jelly under aseptic conditions.

Example E: Tablets

[0104] A mixture of 100 g of an active compound of the formula I, 1 kg of lactose, 600 g of microcrystalline cellulose, 600 g of maize starch, 100 g of polyvinyl-pyrrolidone, 80 g of talc and 10 g of magnesium stearate is pressed to give tablets in a customary manner, such that each tablet contains 10 mg of active compound.

Example F: Coated tablets

[0105] Tablets are pressed as stated in Example E and then coated in a customary manner with a coating of sucrose, maize starch, talc, tragacanth and colorant.

Example G: Capsules

[0106] Hard gelatin capsules are filled with an active compound of the formula I in the customary manner, so that each capsule contains 5 mg of active compound.

Example H: Inhalation spray

[0107] 14 g of active compound of the formula I are dissolved in 10 l of isotonic NaCl solution and the solution is filled into commercially available spray containers having a pump mechanism. The solution can be sprayed into the mouth or nose. One spray burst (about 0.1 ml) corresponds to a dose of about 0.14 mg.

Claims

1. 2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methylaminomethyl]-chromane and its physiologically acceptable salts.
2. Compounds according to Claim 1
 - a) 2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methylaminomethyl]-chromane maleate,
 - b) 2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methylaminomethyl]-chromane dihydrochloride-hemihydrate.
3. S-Enantiomer of the compound according to claim 1 and its physiologically acceptable salts.
4. A process for the preparation of 2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methylaminomethyl]-chromane and its physiologically acceptable salts, characterized in that 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluoromethyl)-pyridine is reacted with 2-aminomethyl-chromane, and/or in that the resulting base is converted into one of its salts by treatment with an acid.
5. A process for the preparation of (S)-(+)-2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-pyridyl-methylaminomethyl]-chromane and its physiologically acceptable salts, characterized in that 3-(chloromethyl)-5-(4-fluoromethyl)-pyridine is reacted with (S)-2-aminomethyl-chromane, and/or in that the resulting base is converted into one of its salts by treatment with an acid.
6. Process for the manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations, characterised in that a compound according to one or more of claims 1 to 3 and/or one of its biocompatible salts are converted into a suitable dosage form together with at least one solid, liquid or semiliquid excipient or adjunct.
7. Pharmaceutical preparation, characterised in that it contains at least one compound according to one or more of claims 1 to 3 and/or one of its biocompatible salts.
8. Use of compounds according to one or more of claims 1 to 3, or their biocompatible salts, for the manufacture of a drug.
9. Use of compounds according to one or more of claims 1 to 3, or their biocompatible salts, for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical for the treatment of disorders of the central nervous system.
10. Use according to claim 9 in which the disorders of the central nervous system are anxiety, depression states, Alzheimer's disease or schizophrenia.

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